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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE RELOCATION OF NAPO/NAPMA TO BRUNSSUM

REFS: (A) USNATO 5915, DTG 101044Z JUN 78
(B) USNMR SHAPE 131040Z JUN 78

1. REF A REPORTED CNAD HIGH LEVEL GROUP DISCUSSION ON THE POSSIBLE RELOCATION OF NAPO/NAPMA FROM BRUSSELS TO BRUNSSUM AND REQUESTED GUIDANCE ON THE US POSITION. REF B RECOMMENDED THAT THE US POSITION BE DEFERRED UNTIL AN ONGOING STUDY ON THE SUBJECT IS COMPLETED AT THE END OF JUNE.

2. THE DOD REPLY TO REF B IS REPEATED BELOW FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

QUOTE: I RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR TASK IN
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SEEKING AN EARLY SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF THE UNUSED FACILITY AT BRUNSSUM AND APPRECIATE OUR OBLIGATION TO ASSIST AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. WE, OF COURSE, HAVE OUR CONCERNS, SUCH AS THE EFFECT ON BELGIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE NATO AEW PROGRAM IF NAPO/NAPMA MOVES. WE ALSO BELIEVE THERE ARE OTHER CANDIDATES WORTHY OF SERIOUS

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CONSIDERATION, SUCH AS A NATO LOGISTICS COMMAND OR LOGISTICS COORDINATING ORGANIZATION, IN OR UNDER AFCENT. REGARDLESS, WE ARE DEFERRING FORMING OUR POSITION UNTIL WE HAVE REVIEWED YOUR FORTHCOMING STUDY. WE WILL ENDEAVOR TO AVOID COMMENT OR ACTION UNTIL THAT TIME. UNQUOTE.

3. AFTER THE STUDY HAS BEEN REVIEWED BY DOD, WE INTEND TO SEEK ASSESSMENTS OF NATIONS' VIEWS FROM EMBASSIES.

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